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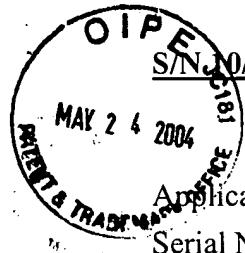
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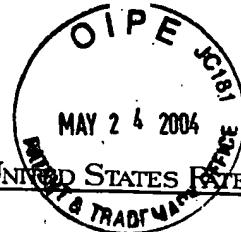
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The specification of which was filed on December 18, 2000 as application serial no. 09/740,129.

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